

Betico Croes Official Candidate For Prime Minister

ORANJESTAD—Mr. Gilber Francois (Betico) Croes was selected as the official candidate to become the first Prime Minister of Aruba. The decision was made during a MEP leaders congress held Sunday in the Palm Beach Room of the Holiday Inn Hotel. Mr. Croes was appointed by unanimous acclaim of all the MEP district leaders. Miss Grace Bareno gave an outline of Betico's outstanding leadership of the party for the past 14 years. Mr. Roland Lacle remarked that it is logical that after all the work done and the sacrifices made by Mr. Croes it is the desire of the people that he be selected as the candidate to become Aruba's first Prime Minister. Following the an-

nouncement contact was made by telephone with Mr. Croes, who is in Miami for medical treatment, to ask if he would accept the nomination. He said that he accepted the offer made by the people and said that he is sure that the people of Aruba will continue to unite and give Status Aparte the value it merits.